CHAPTER 9

HAYATO
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"W-WE'VE TO COOL IT!"
"CAN YOU WALK?"
"I'M SORRY! WHAT DO I DO NOW...?"
"DID YOU SPRAIN YOUR WRIST!?"
I know he was flustered and was only worried about me on the spur of the moment.
I can't misunderstand Souma's kindness.
Because...

thump
...before and this time too, Souma rejected me out of his own will.
HAYATO.
It's rare for him to come alone.
GOOD... MORNING ...
WHAT IS IT?
..YOUR WRIST ..
HOW IS IT DOING?
SOUMA...

AH.
THAT! IT HURTS IF I MOVE IT BUT IT'S SECURED PROPERLY SO NO PROBLEM. THEY TOLD ME IF I REST IT FOR TWO WEEKS IT'LL HEAL.
...SO-RRY.
IT'S MY FAULT THAT YOU...
RATHER, THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE OF MY THOUGHT-LESSNESS...
NO...
THIS IS JUST A SPRAIN!
THAT'S WHY DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

Fwip
.....
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME...
.....
YOU TOO, SOUMA! IS YOUR ANEMIA FROM THAT TIME BETTER?
Don't give up!
YOU

TODAY, I'VE EATEN PROPERLY SINCE MORNING
SO I'M FINE.
I SEE.
!
I'M GLAD.
...SINCE THAT'S YOUR DOMINANT HAND IT'S AN INCON-VENIENCE, RIGHT?
WHAT?
YOUR SPRAIN.

EH...?
I CAN'T DO IT DURING CLASS
BUT I'LL SUPPORT YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN IN YOUR EVERY DAY.
...BUT
I thought if I couldn't act the same as usual then it might be better if I'm not by Souma's side...
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO
...THEN IT'S FINE.

CAN I ASK
If this becomes a chance then...
YOU THAT ...?
.....CAN
...I don't want to let it go.

I'm sorry, Souma.
I really do
want to stay by your side after all.
I DO FEEL ASHAMED OF USING MY INJURY AS A PRETEXT, BUT...
...THEN I'LL COME ON THE NEXT RECESS.
MHM!

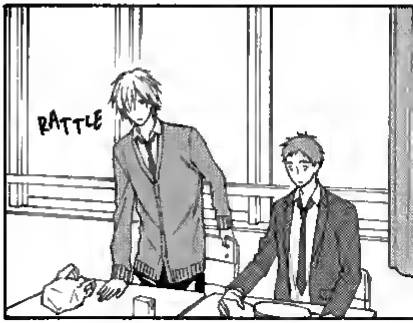
YOU'RE LATE! I'M STARVING!
He's here
AH.

AH.
I'LL FEED YOU.
SIT NEXT TO ME.
MY BAD!
IT SURE HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE LAST ATE WITH YOU IN SCHOOL, HUH!
MACCHAN, I'LL..
LET ME!
YOU WERE PLANNING ON DOING ALL BY YOURSELF, RIGHT!?
POINT
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MACCHAN.
OK!
YEAH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR.
GOOD BACK UP THERE, MACCHAN
IT'S FINE! WE SHOULD ALL COOPERATE!
I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE FEELING GUILTY, BUT
YEP YEP

Which are you gonna eat?
The rolled eggs

I brought a fork so I can eat by myself...
Just accept people's goodwill!

That one with meat from your lunch looks good, Macchan.
Then, guess we'll exchange.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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CARRY?
NO, I'M FINE.
THEN, LET'S GO.
EVEN IF IT'S "RELUCTANTLY"
I'M JUST GLAD HE'S NOT REJECTING ME
clench
The way things are now
feel a thousand times more natural than acting 'like usual'
HAYATO.
UHM,
..HERE I GO!

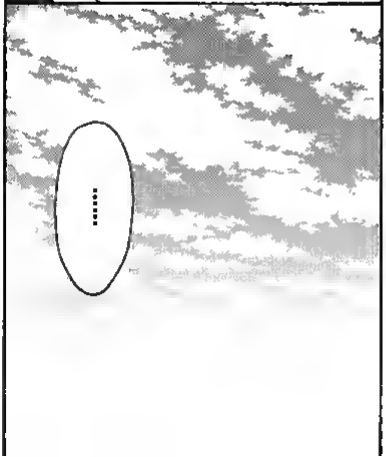
WH-
WHAT!?
AH... SORRY.
I SHOULD'VE SAID THIS EARLIER...
PASS ME THE NOTES YOU BORROWED FROM YOUR FRIEND
I'LL COPY THEM AND BRING THEM TOMORROW.
AAH...
RIGHT, I DID ASK MY FRIEND FOR THEM...
.....
ON SECOND THOUGHT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO
IT'S HARD COPYING A DAY'S WORTH OF CLASS IT'LL BE QUICKER IF I JUST PHO-TOCOPY THEM
...I'M TELLING YOU I'LL DO IT. .

EH?
WHY IS HE IN A BAD MOOD!?
...BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO SOMETHING THAT'LL BURDEN YOU.
IT'S FINE IF YOU HELP ME JUST INSIDE SCHOOL.
EVEN IN SCHOOL
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION TO RELY ON ME, RIGHT?

THOUGH, THERE'S NO POINT IN ME
SAYING ALL THIS...

!?
IF IT WERE MACCHAN, WOULDN'T YOU RELY ON HIM NORMALLY?

No way.
I CAN'T... THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT TO THINK...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Could it be...
He's mad because I was holding back with him?

...TODAY
BECAUSE YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO MY CLASS-ROOM ON EVERY RECESS...
...JUST THAT
MADE ME SO HAPPY.
SORRY...

...I JUST WON'T FEEL GOOD WITH MYSELF....
...SO I WANT YOU TO LET ME HELP YOU.

Even though
I can't think like that I...

CAN I ASK
.....

Whoops
RUSTLE
In some way... I feel I can talk to Souma normally.
.....
EVEN YESTERDAY, IT WAS A LITTLE, BUT I COULD SAY MY FEELINGS PROPERLY ...
HAYATO!
WHY WOULD YOU INTENTIONALLY GO TO THROW AWAY THE TRASH WHEN YOU'RE INJURED..?
WELL... BECAUSE IT WAS LIGHT...
Since I can't clean the desks with how my hand is

I WAS SHOCKED WHEN I HEARD FROM YOUR CLASSMATES.
...I'LL HELP.
Ah
THANKS.
AND HE CAME ALL THE WAY FOR ME?
THAT MAKES ME HAPPY...
SLIP
AH-

bathump
bathump

PUSH
I'LL GO PICK IT UP.
thump
.....
thump

I'm such and idiot
for feeling frustrated...
Let's go home!
CHATTER
CHATTER
TODAY'S NOTES?
IT'S ONLY THIS MUCH
.. CAN YOU GO HOME NOW?
AH, YES.

COMING HERE EVERY DAY... THAT'S PRAISEWORTHY OF YOU, KATAHIRA-KUN.
ISN'T IT HARD?
I'M THE ONE WHO MADE HIM INJURE HIMSELF, SO ..
! I TOLD YOU THAT WAS...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR! WE'RE HERE TOO AFTER ALL!
YOU WON'T HAVE ANY TIME FOR YOURSELF, YOU KNOW!
Whack
Ouch

HAYATO IS NOT THAT WEAK EITHER,
RIGHT?
THAT HURTS, IDIOT!
Squeeze

PULL
EH?
flinch
SORRY, SORRY! I WASN'T SQUEEZING THAT HARD, OKAY!
KATAHIRA-KUN, YOU SURE CARE ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS. OR I GUESS YOU MUST REALLY LIKE HAYATO!
MAYBE YOU TWO ARE GOING OUT?
JUUUST JOKING

thump

OH CRAP!
IDIOT!
THERE'S NO WAY WE ARE!
I know that!
Gasp
Grab
LET'S GO, SOUMA.
CREAK

...ARE YOU OKAY?
SOUMA.
I'M FINE ALREADY
I CAN DO BY MYSELF.
Even though I didn't want him to experience that again...
...IT'S SCARY
EVEN IF IT'S A JOKE...

...IS IT SCARY?
THERE'S SOME PAIN BUT I THINK I CAN TAKE NOTES ALREADY AND EAT LUNCH TOO...
BECAUSE I REMIND YOU OF HIM, YOU THINK I MIGHT END UP LIKE YOUR FRIEND FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIGHT?

THAT'S HOW IT ALWAYS WAS.
YOU WEREN'T LOOKING AT ME.
!?
YOU JUST COULDN'T REJECT ME BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH HIM
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULDN'T BE WEIRD FOR ME TO BE ISOLATED AND HAVE PEOPLE TALK BEHIND MY BACK
I WAS JUST BEING TREATED GENTLY BY YOU IN PLACE OF THAT PERSON.

That's what it was...
IN THE BEGINNING, YEAH, YOU REMINDED ME OF HIM.
Aah...
...BUT
YOU AND HE ARE DIFFERENT.
I WAS SAVED BY SEEING YOU LAUGH AND GET BACK ON YOUR FEET.
I ONLY WANT TO KISS YOU.

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

SOUMA...
DO YOU REALLY
...HATE ME NOW?
.....

Now I have the confidence that I can be in love with you.

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS

I'LL GO TO WHERE YOU ARE, SOUMA.

Ngh...
What...do...I do...?
.....!
unzip
rummage
rummage

Click
Click
Click
TO: Noboru
Click
END

Extra Story

IT'S BEEN RAINING A LOT LATELY, HUH.
I guess it can't be helped because it's the raining season
DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL FED UP?
HMM... REALLY?
WHEN THE HUMIDITY RISES, THE SMELL OF A LOT OF THINGS BECOMES STRONGER
SO I KIND OF I LIKE IT...
ON RAINY DAYS YOU CAN CLEARLY SMELL
WHAT YOU NORMALLY WOULD ONLY FAINTLY...
SO-
GASP
SOUMA...?
AH
DO
DO I STINK...!?
N-
NO, YOU DON'T!!
I did have a good sweat in PE class today
RATHER, YOU SMELL REALLY GOOD...
AH, NO...
WHAT?
Uhm
Damn you rain

Hayato tries to make amends with his "past".....

While carrying his feeling for Souma.

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